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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicant hereby calls to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the following patents and other documents which are listed on attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application.

- 1. U.S. Patent No. 4,536,733 issued August 20, 1985 to Randolph D. Shelly.
- 2. European Patent Application No. EP 0 490 438 A1 published June 17, 1992 listing Bogaerts et al as inventors.
- German Patent Application No. DE 3522740 A1 published October 23, 1986 3. listing Claudia Berger as inventor. This reference is relevant because it was cited in a European search report for a related European patent application and it discloses a transformer having a core enclosed by an aluminum housing. Applicant, however, asserts that the present invention is patentable over this reference.

Copies of these references are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that these references be considered by the Examiner and made of record as part of the "available prior art" under 37 C.F.R. §1.104.

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